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1. The press Att. of the Mediator Declared yesterday that the Count did not receive any plan from either side for the solution of the Palestine problem, but is waiting for suggestions from both sides to be used as basis for further discussions.

Mr. Riley has been appointed as Rep. for Bernadotte in Jerusalem during the absence of the mediator.

2. In a cable to Count Bernadotte, Hilmi Pasha Arab military Governor of Jerusalem said: ".....You heard the fire last night and were aware of the attack the Jews carried on the old city. What a reception they held for you and what a respect they have for your Security Council. On this occasion the Arabs would like you to know that the Jews do not respect or keep any promise, and therefore the Arabs find it impractical to demilitarize any part of Palestine. We are going to fight to the last minute, no matter what the circumstances be, in liberation of our country which we have been living for the last 1400 years."

A similar cable was sent to Azzam Pasha.

3. At 10 p.m. yesterday there was another Jewish attack on the city; a UN-observer who was on the scene reported on the Jewish violation.

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4. 2000 Arab refugees have been taken to Iraq so far. Iraqi Govt. is taking steps to have more refugees in Iraq.

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1. Count Bernadotte arrived in Rhodes yesterday and held a press conf. in which he declared that he had asked the Jerusalem observers to be very strict and find out soon the source of violation. He had also asked both sides not to allow their soldiers reply to violation fires.

According to a responsible source the mediator said that the Jews are responsible for most of the violations.

The number of observers is 175 while it should be 200 according to the mediator's instructions.

The mediator will leave for Sweden to-day and will be back on the 20th inst. unless something important happens that would necessitate his return immediately.

2. A spokesman on behalf of the British foreign office said yesterday that Britain is ready to supply the Arab refugees with medical necessities from the British medical stores in the Near East should the mediator appoint a committee that would be responsible for the said supplies.

3. A commercial treaty was signed yesterday between China and Italy.

Negotiations for a commercial treaty between Iraq and Pakistan are going on.

Thursday-morning, Aug. 12, 1948.

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1. It has been understood that Bernard told the Count yesterday that the Jewish authorities are not ready to discuss the question of demilitarization of Jerusalem. Then the Count asked the so called Jewish military Governor to put down the basis on which the Jewish authorities would be ready to do so.

2. Commenting on the statement of T.Lie that the Arabs will participate in the coming UN-session, an Arab personality said:  
"..... ..There is no reason why the Arabs should boycott the said session."

3. Abdul Munim Bey Mustafa, head of the political Department of the Arab League declared yesterday that the Arabs have refused the invitation of the Jews for a discussion on Palestine, and have sent their refusal through Count Bernadotte.

Wed.-morning, Aug.II,1948.

I. Note: (The English Section of the Jerusalem Arab Broadcasting station announced the following:

".....Yesterday Jewish snippers fired at a group of American Consular guards and hit one of them. The U.S. Consul General protested to the Jewish military Governor and stated that the Jewish snippers were responsible for the incident." This item was not mentioned in the Arabic programme of this afternoon. FWT.)

2. In a statement on Arab refugees Sellento said that 250,000 to 300,000 are in very bad condions and need immediate help. A scheme has been drawn for this purpose but the time for its publication has not come yet, said the a/m expert.

3. UN-observers have submitted a report regarding Jewish attack on the Arab villages of Deir Aban and Beit Jemal where a battle is going on. In accrodance with the mediator's statement that the reply to fire is just as bad as a violation of the truce, Arab troops have been exposed to Jewish fire without attempting to reply.

4. It has been understood that the Belgium Consul General who is now in Amman discussing the question of water supply for Jerusalem is doing so on his own responsibility as the members of the Consular Truce Commission do not agree with him on this matter. The attitude of the Trans-Jordanian Govt. is based on the opinion that this subject should be dealt with in the light of other human subjects.

5. To-day Radio Moscow has denied the the allegation made by few foreign news agencies that Russia is supplying the Jews in Palestine with arms. Some Jewish officials, the Moscow spokesman said, asked the USSR to supply the Jewish forces with arms, but as Russia is a member of the UN-Sec.Council, she believes that such a request is contary to her principle.

Sunday-afternoon, Aug. 8, 1948.

1. According a Reuter's message from Amman, King Abdullah has declared that the Arab Refugee Problem is the most important issue of the major Palestine problem and should be solved immediately and before the Arabs can consider the Jewish invitation for peaceful negotiations.

In this respect, said the broadcast, it may be mentioned that the mediator described the Refugee conditions as "terrific".

2. Iraq has decided to accept 5000 refugees more in addition to the 5000 decided upon few days ago. The Iraqi Govt. has started transporting the refugees and 737 refugees have arrived in Baghdad already.

3. In a press conf. at Rhodes, Count Bernadotte said yesterday that he is still hopeful regarding a peaceful solution for the Palestine problem. "We are still short of observers and equipments" the mediator added.

65 U.S. observers are supposed to leave Washington to-day.

4. A UN-observer was in the Arab front of Turi yesterday which the Jewish forces, who were trying to advance and strengthen their lines, opened fire on the Arabs; the observer asked the Arab officer in charge to reply.

Saturday-afternoon, August 7, 1948.

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1. So far Arab leaders have not commented on the invitation of the so called Jewish state for direct negotiations, nevertheless, Arab circles in Cairo think that this invitation will be rejected.

It has been understood that Count Bernadotte has informed Shertok that he (mediator) is going to carry out a scheme in aid of the Arab refugees in spite of Jewish refusal to have them go to their places.

2. A meeting was held to-day between Arab military leaders and the truce commission. The demilitarization of Jerusalem was discussed.

3. London: A message from Sofia says that about 1,600 Jews are leaving Bulgaria for Palestine. They have directed a message to the head of the Communist authorities praising the fact that they were brought up in Bulgaria. This, the radio said, supports the fact that Faithful Communists are being sent to Palestine through the Help of Soviet authorities.

5. In a press. conf. at Tel-Aviv, Golda Myerson said that she is going to Russia to rep. the so called Israel and will do all her best to carry out the best of relations between the alleged Jewish state and the USSR.

4. A priest of Belgium who has just arrived in his home after a visit to Arab refugees, has started to collect money in aid of the said refugees. \$ 1,000,000 have been collected so far.

Friday-afternoon, Aug. 6, 1948.

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1. To-day is the Futre Feast-end of Ramadan Fast. On this occasion, Abdullah Bey el Tal directed the following message to his soldiers:  
".....May I atke this opportunity to ask you to visit the tombs of your brave colleagues who fell in the different battles none of which you lost, inspite of the fact that this has been the strabgest war ever known; we leave it to history to record the echoes of the unclear human conscience. And tell your dead colleagues that you are still marching on and will not stop until the country is liberated as you are fighting for the greatest thing in the world: the Arab Honour."  
(Other parts of the message were of little intrrest.)

2. On hearing about the request of Shertok to the mediator regarding the suggested Arab-Jewish negotiations and Arab repogition of the alleged Israel, Assam pasha said to Reuters: "I would rather not comment on this."

The most important points in the Arab League memorandum to mediator ~~xxxxx~~ were : Determination of the truce period and the stopping of Jewish immigration .

3. Yesterday the Trans-Jordanian foreign minister Fawzi Pasha el Mulqi received the Con.Gen. of Belgium and informed him that the Trans-Jordanian Hashimite Govt. cannot consider the request of supplying Jm with water. "If this is a human matter why shouldn't all other human matters be considered at the same time," the foreign minister asked. Also the Jewish authorities have been violati ng the truce whenever they feel like it and ignoring all international laws, the foreign minister added.

4. Govts. of Arab countries have decided to cancel all celebrations on the Futre Feast in view of the present situation in Palestine.

Friday-morning, Aug.6, 1948.

1. Count Bernadotte will hold a conference to-day ~~xxx~~ and will meet Bernard Joseph. The Truce Consular Commission will attend this meeting at the request of the mediator. In the afternoon he is supposed to meet Arab authorities.

To-morrow the Count will leave for Rhodes after visiting the Ramallah Refugees.

Yesterday the Count told the press that he has sent a brief account of his long report on Arab refugees to the Sec. Council wherein he stated that those who wish to return to their homes should be allowed to do so, while appropriate help, to those who cannot return, should be given soon. "...We must call on all the nations to help in this human tragedy," said the mediator.

2. Dr. Azcarate held a meeting with the Egyptian P.M. yesterday and discussed Palestine. Reports from Arab states say that continuous negotiations are going on between Arab leaders on the same subject too.

3. The Russian Representative to the so called Israel and eleven assisting officers have arrived in Jerusalem on their way to Tel-Aviv.

(No truce violations were reported this morning.)

Tuesday-morning, Aug.10,1948.



1. The mediator will arrive in Jerusalem to-day to discuss with the Arabs the questions of demilitarization of Jm, the water supply, and the Arab refugee.

Yesterday the Count, Sir Sellento and Commodor Jackson held a meeting on Arab refugees.

Truce violations have been reported by all observers in the Middle East and described as almost continuous. Commenting on this, the mediator said: this, due to the lack of confidence between Arabs and Jews and the lack of sufficient observers.

In this connection it is mentioned that only Belgium has sent all its share of observers, namely 50.

2. Commenting on the question of Arab refugee, the London Times said that the Jews are responsible before the whole world for what they have caused in Palestine generally and for the Arab refugee Problem particularly.

3. The Cairo police authorities have discovered a store of explosives supposed to be ~~related with~~ connected with the recent bombing incidents .

Monday-morning, August 9, 1948.

1. In a cable to the Sec. Council the media'or said yesterday that the demilitarization of Holy Jm is very necessary for preventing unpleasant results on both sides owing to electrified feelings. Continuous violations of truce was described by the Count as the result of insufficient observers.

It is said that only half the number of observers the Count was promised, have arrived to Palestine.

Commenting on the "every day violations of truce", foreign correspondents and observers think that this situation may lead to fight again unless something quick is done.

2. The British paper "Times" was quoted again this afternoon on the Arab Refugee Problem. ".....The Jews are clearly challenging the whole world by their behavior in Palestine," said the a/m paper. ".....The Jews were making fantastic propaganda as to how they would treat the Arabs of Palestine and set an example for cooperation and good will; that was when the partition scheme ~~was~~ had just been approved. The truth of this propaganda has appeared to the whole world now," concluded the "Times".

4. Mr. M.T. Lie Secretary General of the U.N.O. denied the rumours that the Arab states will boycott the coming session of the said Organization which will be held in Paris next month.

5. The Egyptian police has arrested some persons who are supposed to be in a way responsible for the recent Cairo bombs.

Monday-afternoon, Aug. 9, 1948.

1. Count Bernadotte said yesterday that he is worried about Jerusalem and that he is doing his best to increase the number of observers. After lunching with Arab Legion Officers the Count left for Rhodes. He is expected to go to Sweden to-morrow or the day after.

The mediator directed a warning to the Jews yesterday and said: ".....I would like both sides to know that we can be tough."

2. There was a big Jewish attack on the old city yesterday, when several hundred Jews on a line stretching from Talploth to New Gate and centered at the Turi and Mount Zion posts, tried to break into the old city but were repulsed and beaten off badly. 15 Jewish dead bodies were found this morning, while only one Arab soldier was wounded. This attack came few hours after the mediator had warned the Jewish gangs.

3. It has been officially stated by the Arab League that the Jewish invitation for a discussion on Palestine has been refused through the mediator.

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